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It Was a Cool Assassin Dodd Planned to Quiz

The following episode concerning Bogdan Nikolayevich Stashinsky, whose name has come up in the Dodd hearings, was provided by a source who was on the scene at the time.

The confessed Russian assassin whom Senator Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.) planned to interview in Germany in 1964 was a cool operator.

Bogdan Nikolayevich Stashinskiy, had turned up in West Berlin on Saturday night, Aug. 12, 1961, a few hours before the East Germans started building The Berlin Wall. He had approached Berlin police and insisted on being referred to Allied authorities.

Relaxing over a cognac in an American reception room, the slender blond with a thin face and waves of curls which gave him a superficial resemblance to the Texas pianist Van Cliburn calmly announced that he had assassinated General Stefan Bandera and Professor Lev Rebet, leaders of the Ukrainian emigre community in Munich, on the orders of the Soviet secret police (KGB).

He described his prepara-

tions, the details of the killings, disposition of the weapons (cyanide poison pistols), and his subsequent welcome and reward by KGB officials in Moscow.

He had decided to seek asylum in West Berlin, he said, because the death and funeral of his child by a German woman provided the opportunity. He had been given time to attend the funeral that afternoon, but skipped the funeral and used the time to turn himself in.

When Stashinskiy went on trial before the West German Supreme Court at Karlsruhe in October 1962 for the murders of Rebet in 1957 and Bandera in 1959, the widow of Rebet and the daughter of Bandera asked the court to show leniency because they considered that the killer himself was a "tool" and a "victim" of the Soviet terror system which employed him.

He was sentenced to serve eight years in prison.

Senator Dodd's official interest in the case was related to the Senator's position on the Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security.